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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

CATHY A. CATTERSON, CLERK U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

GEORGE LUSTER,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

V.

JAMES M. SCHOMIG, Warden; et al.,

Defendants - Appellees.

No. 04-16204

D.C. No. CV-04-00281-LRH

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of Nevada Larry R. Hicks, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted September 12, 2005**

Before: REINHARDT, RYMER, and HAWKINS, Circuit Judges.

George Luster, a Nevada state prisoner, appeals pro se the district court's dismissal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b) of his 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action for failure to exhaust administrative remedies. We have jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §

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^{**} The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

1291. We review a district court's determination that a prisoner failed to exhaust administrative remedies de novo, and review factual determinations for clear error. *Wyatt v. Terhune*, 315 F.3d 1108, 1117 (9th Cir. 2003). We reverse and remand.

The Prison Litigation Reform Act requires a prisoner to exhaust "such administrative remedies as are available" before filing a federal action. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a). Because Luster's complaint alleges that he could not proceed to the first formal appeal level because prison officials deliberately made the required grievance forms unavailable to him, we can not say that Luster failed to exhaust his available administrative remedies. *See Wyatt*, 315 F.3d at 1119. We therefore remand to the district court for consideration of the merits of Luster's 42 U.S.C. § 1983 claim.

REVERSED and REMANDED.